

Topological analysis of zeolite-like compounds with mixed frameworks and crystal structure prediction using the approach of OD (“order-disorder”) theory

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Compounds with the general formula $Cs\{^{[6]}Al_2[^{[4]}TP_6O_{20}]\}$ (where $T = B [1], Al [2]$) are based on microporous heteropolyhedral frameworks formed by tetrahedral borophosphate or aluminophosphate $[TP_6O_{20}]$ -layers linked by isolated AlO_6 octahedra. The large framework cavities are filled by Cs^+ cations. As it was previously shown, both $Cs\{Al_2[BP_6O_{20}]\}$ and $Cs\{Al_2[AlP_6O_{20}]\}$ are of modular character [3] and can be considered as polytypes [1,4].

The symmetrical relations between the compounds have been analyzed using the OD theoretical approach [3,5,6] for the OD families containing more than one ($M > 1$) kinds of layers [7]. The OD layers have been chosen in accordance with the equivalent region (ER) requirements [8]. Topological analysis of the frameworks was performed by means of natural tilings (the smallest polyhedral cationic clusters that form a framework) of the 3D cation nets [9] calculated using the ToposPro software [10].

The crystal structures of compounds with the general formula $Cs\{^{[6]}Al_2[^{[4]}TP_6O_{20}]\}$ (where $T = Al, B$) display order-disorder (OD) character and can be described using the same OD groupoid family [11]. Their structures built up by two kinds of non-polar layers, with the layer symmetries $Pc(n)2$ (L_{2n+1} -type) and $Pc(a)m$ (L_{2n} -type) (category IV [7]). Layers of both types (L_{2n} and L_{2n+1}) alternate along the **b** direction and have common translation vectors **a** and **c** ($a \sim 10.0 \text{ \AA}$, $c \sim 12.0 \text{ \AA}$). All ordered polytypes as well as disordered structures can be obtained using the following partial symmetry operators that may be active in the L_{2n} type layer: the 2_1 screw axis parallel to **c** $[- - 2_1]$ or inversion centers and the 2_1 screw axis parallel to **a** $[2_1 - -]$. The symmetry relation common to all polytypes of this family are described by the OD groupoid family symbol:

$$Pc(n)2 \quad P 2_1/c (2/a) 2_1/m, \\ [r, 0] \quad , \quad (1)$$

where $r = 0$; the first line contains the layer-group symbols of the two constituting layers, while the second line indicates positional relations between the adjacent layers [12].

Different sequences of operators active in the L_{2n} type layer ($[- - 2_1]$ screw axes or inversion centers and $[2_1 - -]$ screw axes) define the formation of multilayered structures with the increased *b* parameter, which are considered as non-MDO polytypes.

Compounds with the general formula $Rb\{^{[6]}M^{3+}[^{[4]}T^{3+}P_6O_{20}]\}$ ($M = Al, Ga$; $T = Al, Ga$) are based on heteropolyhedral *MT*-frameworks with the same stoichiometry as in $Cs\{^{[6]}Al_2[^{[4]}TP_6O_{20}]\}$ (where $T = Al, B$). It was found that all the frameworks have common natural tilings, which indicates the close relationships of the two families of compounds.

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